



In other news

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National Small Business Program Manager of the Year

Congratulations to Chris Fresquez, who was recently honored as the National Small Business Program Manager of the Year at the [2017 Department of Energy \(DOE\) Small Business conference](#) in Kansas City, Missouri. The selection for the award was based on a competitive evaluation of DOE Small Business Program Managers from DOE Facility Management Contractor sites located throughout the United States.

“To receive the recognition and the award as the DOE Facility Management Contractor Small Business Program Manager of the Year is truly an honor,” Fresquez says. “It is a great feeling to know that through the dedication and hard work that I have put in since becoming the Small Business Program Manager at LANL, the work being done by the staff in the Small Business Program Office, the hard work and support from the LANL procurement staff, and the efforts of many other contributors to our Small Business efforts, this recognition and prestigious award has become a reality.”

Big Sky’s Summer Programs

Next month, [Big Sky Learning](#) is hosting its 21st season of STEM summer programs in Santa Fe (weeks of July 10 and 17 at the [Santa Fe Children’s Museum](#)) and its fifth season in Los Alamos (weeks of June 12 and 19 at [Bethlehem Lutheran Church](#)). Each year Big Sky works with veteran campers to design math and science rich technology projects for children ages five to fourteen. Once 15 years old, campers move up the ladder and become teaching mentors. Teaching mentors receive extensive training in building projects, safe tool use, and the skills of teaching children. District teachers lead each classroom and serve as supervisors and adult mentors to the teen mentors. Adult teachers are trained and supervised by director Michael Sheppard who started the program in 1996. This multi-level mentoring model has proven to be a rich experience for all who participate.

This year Big Sky hosts two weeks of programming in each of its two locations. Seven- and eight-year-olds explore game design while making an electromechanical board game called Swine Craft. Nine- to fourteen-year-olds make FPV (first person video)-guided radio controlled off-road trucks in R/C Arroyo Warriors FPV. Spaces still remain for all sessions and scholarships are available thanks to the Frost Foundation in Santa Fe. See bigskylearning.com for more information.

The Big Sky Summer camp is also the test bed for innovative online educational software. Big Sky Learning and its sister organization Big Learning Machine have developed a novel approach to video learning which has been used successfully with over one thousand camp participants. Big Sky seeks opportunities to empower other STEM programs with its software led hands-on projects.

This summer, Big Sky Learning is partnering with the Northern NM Mentor STEM Collective, directed by Steve Cox at NNMCC in Española. College-age engineering students mentor at-risk local high school and middle school students in classrooms, after school, and at summer programs. Big Sky's new game design curriculum Swine Craft is slated for use at the Mentor Collective's summer STEM Institute.

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Be the first to own Lab logo items from Gadgets!

Gadgets is the Bradbury Science Museum Association's (BSMA) new souvenir pop-up shop where anyone can purchase Lab and Bradbury Science Museum logo items in support of STEM education outreach in Northern New Mexico. BSMA volunteers sell items including T-shirts, caps, mugs, lanyards, and magnets. More information, including photos of items, can be found on the BSMA [website](#).

The proceeds allow the recently formed BSMA to offer STEM education programs including museum field trips to students from low-income school districts and week-long, science summer camps for all ages.

When is Gadgets open?

Gadgets is a 100 percent volunteer operation, and hours are dependent on when volunteers are available. For up-to-date store hours, visit bradburyassociation.org/calendar.

If you would like to make a purchase from Gadgets during the off-hours, email sales@bradburyassociation.org. Someone from the association will schedule an appointment for your personal shopping experience.

Need Lab-logo items for a special event?

Whether you need items in bulk or just a few for an upcoming event, email your product needs to sales@bradburyassociation.org.

Volunteers are needed!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer at the Gadgets pop-up shop, please complete the application found at bradburyassociation.org (choose the VOLUNTEERS tab). Applications should be emailed to volunteer@bradburyassociation.org.

Join BSMA today!

If you would like to become a member of the BSMA, visit bradburyassociation.org (choose the JOIN US tab). Members receive a 10 percent discount on

Gadgets merchandise, along with other benefits such as membership in the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) Travel Passport Program, giving you reciprocal benefits at more than 300 science museums nationwide.

Your donations to BSMA support STEM Education Outreach.

If you would like to donate to BSMA, visit bradburyassociation.org (choose the DONATE tab).

Did you know Gadgets and BSMA are not part of or funded by the Lab?

While Gadgets exists inside the museum, it is staffed by BSMA volunteers and is not part of the museum or the Lab. The BSMA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization functioning as a partner to the Bradbury Science Museum to fill the voids in STEM education efforts, such as providing bus transportation so students from low-income school districts can visit the museum.

Gadgets at the Bradbury Science Museum.

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